

Classis of North Grand Rapids Meeting Minutes

Stated Session – Student Exams

Aberdeen Reformed Church

May 17, 2016

Opening: Devotion Service led by

Rev. Diane Konynenbelt, co-leader of the Student Care Committee. She gave a meditation on everyone has a story from God and tonight we'll hear how God is working within the lives of the students.

She also offered a prayer for Dan Plasman and his brother who is very ill in Florida. Dan was to be the Sacraments examiner and is unable to attend tonight as he's in Florida.

Examination Meeting Called to Order by Bob Engelsman, President at 7:05 PM

Roll Call (completed by signature)

A – Excused Absence U – Unexcused Absence

Church	Clergy	Elder	Elder
Aberdeen Reformed	Ryan Landt	(U)	
Casnovia	Vacant	Jason Vermeulen	
Central Reformed	Vacant	Helen Phillips	(U)
	Katie Baker (A)		
Church of the Master	David Mayer (U)	(U)	
Clancy Street Fellowship	Carol Faas (MUC) (A)	(U)	
The Community - Ada	William Norden	Bob Engelsman	
	Mara Joy Norden (A)		
Fourth Reformed	Eric Schalk	Branson Parler	
Knapp Street Reformed	Les Wiseman (A)	(U)	
Oakview Community Church	Gerald Vander Velde (MUC)	John Dykema	
Orchard Hill Reformed	Bob Karel	Michael Bart	Henry Smitter (A)
	Kathy Bartels (MUC)		
Remembrance Reformed	Eric Cook (A)	Eunice Kooiman	Pam Kragt (A)
	Todd Schmidt (A)	John Jacobitz (A)	
Resurrection Reformed	Doug Kiel	Bruce Holleboom	
	Kristi Kiel (A)		
Richmond Reformed	Christopher Westerbeek	(U)	
Rockford Reformed	Paul Bradford	Megan Decker	
Servant's Community	Jeff Petersen (U)	Kurt Reppart	
	Jennifer Petersen		
Standale	Jessica Shults (A)	Lin Cline (A)	
Third Reformed	Vacant	Margo Taylor	Rog Bolhouse
Trinity Reformed	Ben Bruins	(U)	
	Sarah Bruins (A)		
Specialized Ministers/Ministers Without Charge/Inactive			
Lee Ausema (U)	Nancy Boote (A)	Eric Branch (U)	Nancy Claus
Susan Cleveland (A)	John Delger (U)	Marcia Elders (A)	Sarah Juist
Kate Kooyman	Steve Luchies	Diane Maodush-Pitzer	Tim Meendering (A)
Cheryl Molhoek (A)	Adam Navis	Robyn Saylor (U)	Lisa Tice (A)
Steve Wolters	David Veldt (A)		
Rachel Bush (U)	Lisa Henderson (U)	Diane Konynenbelt	Sophie Landt (U)
Brad Olson (U)	Dan Plasman (A)	Jonathan Tice (A)	Susan VanderWall (U)

Bill VanderWerp (U)	Aaron Wetzel		Andre Daley (U)
Retired Ministers			
Don Veltman (A)	Bill Fennema (A)	Jan Rogacki (A)	
Associates In Ministry, Commissioned Pastor			
Willa Brown	George VanderHyde (U)		
Joel Bengelink (U)	Mike Gafa	George Werkema (U)	

Committee and Council Reports

Student Care Committee

Motion made, supported, and passed to appoint the Rev. Aaron Wetzel as the Sacraments examiner.

Introduce Examiners

The Nature and Administration of the Sacraments – Rev. Aaron Wetzel

Theology – Rev. Kate Kooyman

Knowledge of and Adherence to the Constitution (the Standards, the Government and Disciplinary Procedures, and the Liturgy) of the RCA – Rev. Billy Norden

History of the Reformed Church and Commitment to Its Mission – Rev. Benjamin Bruins

Theology Interviewer – Rev. Adam Navis

Introduce Candidates and Announcements Regarding Exam Protocols

Branson Parer, MFCA student, Theology Interview

Jason Vermeulen, MFCA student, Theology Interview

Laura Claus, May graduate of Western Theological Seminary

Prayer for Students and Examiners

Diane Konynenbelt offered a prayer for the candidates and examination process.

Theology Interview

Diane Konynenbelt offered a prayer for Branson and Jason as they continue their studies and pursue to their call to ministry.

The Nature and Administration of the Sacraments

Motion made, supported, and passed to arrest the examination for Laura Claus.

Theology

Motion made, supported, and passed to arrest the examination for Laura Claus.

Knowledge of and Adherence to the Constitution (the Standards, the Government and Disciplinary Procedures, and the Liturgy) of the RCA

Motion made, supported, and passed to arrest the examination for Laura Claus.

History of the Reformed Church and Commitment to Its Mission

Motion made, supported, and passed to arrest the examination for Laura Claus.

Motion made, supported, and passed to call the meeting into Executive Session. All guests and non-delegates were asked to leave the assembly.

Executive Session

Motion made, supported, and passed to enter executive session. Guests were asked to leave the assembly.

Sacraments

Motion made, supported, and passed to sustain the examination in Sacraments for Laura Claus.

Theology

Motion made, supported, and passed to sustain the examination in Theology for Laura Claus.

RCA Constitution, Polity and Standards

Motion made, supported, and passed to sustain the examination in Polity and Standards for Laura Claus.

History of the Reformed Church and Commitment to Its Mission

Motion made, supported, and passed to sustain the examination in History of the Reformed Church and Commitment to Its Mission for Laura Claus.

Licensed Candidates

Motion made, supported, and passed to declare Laura Claus as a licensed candidate.

Motion made, supported, and passed to renew the licensed candidacy of Craig Vereeke.

Provisional Preaching License

Motion made, supported, and passed to renew the provisional preaching license to Branson Parks.

Motion made, supported, and passed to renew the provisional preaching license to Jason Vermeulen.

Motion made, supported, and passed to end the Executive Session. Non-delegates and guests were invited to return to the meeting.

Reading and Signing of the Declaration for Licensed Candidates

Laura Claus read and signed the declaration for licensed candidates.

Rev. Bob Karel offered a prayer of blessing for Laura Claus.

Particularia

The Stated Clerk is instructed to send a letter of appreciation to Aberdeen Reformed as the host church for the meeting.

Resolutions

Motion made, supported, and approved to excuse the absences of Nancy Boote, Marcia Elders, Lin Cline, Carol Faas, Cheryl Molhoek, Ralph Robrahn, Todd Schmidt, Lisa and Jonathan Tice, Les Wiseman, David Veldt, Don Veltman.

Closing

Motion made, supported, and approved to close the meeting.

Closing Prayer by Bob Engelsman

Next Classis Meetings

Stated Session – September 20, 2015 at Casnovia Reformed 5:45 PM; session 6:30 PM
January 17, 2017 at Central Reformed Church Dinner 5:45 PM; session 6:30 PM

Bob Engelsman, President

Robert J. Teitsma, Stated Clerk